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Families

The Barley Family
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The Burleys being of English origin, and having a history beginning in the twelfth century when a family of Suffolk County named Mykle established itself on the Welsh border. From this origin the family spread ^{lost its name of Burley from the} so that by the first settlement began in America there were two families.

And from this English source it is believed that the Americans so named have originated. The more important family, that settling on the coast to the north of Boston, gave rise to a genealogy of that family. One branch came to Canada and to Kingston to settle. The William of Bath ^X village and the other family in Prince Edward County were offsprings of this Boston family.

A second John Burley settled at a later date in Connecticut, spreading later into Ohio and the mid west. Although it is not definitely proven, it is possible that our family was an offshoot of this John Burley.

Our line of Burley first appears in Dutchess County where in the year 1850 his name is found on a tax list in

It appears in 18 in a neighboring area of

- 2 By this time it is known that he had married Dorcas Freeman, a sister ^X of John Freeman. About 1768, when the neutral area north of Albany became open for settlement. It is known that these two families participated in the settlement in the Saratoga area. Freeman is known to have leased for three lives - his own his wife's and his eldest son Thomas - the farm on which the first battle of Saratoga was fought on 18 Sept 1777. The sad story of the Freemans has been published & should be read.

- 3 It is not known exactly where the Burleys settled but their farm was leased from the Livingston Family. The father John, may well have been the John Burby a soldier in the Loyalist troops who was made prisoner by

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the rebels and possibly one of the many unnamed persons¹¹ who were hanged in Albany. It is said that in those early years of war as many as five a day prisoners perished.

No matter what caused John's death, his wife was a widow with at least four sons. About 1778-9 she remarried with Matthias Rose Senior a widower. He lived with her on the Bursley farm with two of her sons, 7 ~~seems~~ & John. Two of 4 her sons Joseph & Cornelius appear to have been taken by relatives in Dutchess County, where they matured and married coming in later years to Canada.

During the early years of the war Matthias Rose was in prison, and finally leased on bond. The record of this event is found in the Minutes of the Albany County Board and is shown here as it appeared in the

records of that time
of Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies.
on page 86 this entry is found

April 16, 1778

5 William Rogers, Matthias Rose and Simon Earhart were brought before this Board for having been with the Enemy, and it ~~appears~~ appearing from the information of Major General Schuyler that they had been seduced to go of by Johnson and Jones and that he conceived they might with safety be permitted to return to their places of abode.

Ordered thereupon that they be permitted to return to their places of abode upon entering into Recognizances for their future good behaviour and appearance Monthly before any one of the Commissioners

They were accordingly bound in £100 each and live in Saratoga —

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So, it appears that Mathias Rose had been with Joseph's King's Loyal Americans for a time. It is also suspected that ~~he~~ ^{he} had been employed by the Schuyler family in their Mill at Saratoga, and he was needed to continue his work for them. And this was Schuyler's method of getting him back to work.

Then something occurred to change the situation. I strongly suspect that he had married the Berley widow, ^{two years having elapsed} and gave up his work with Schuyler and went to live on the Berley farm. The Commissioners Board in Albany County immediately issued a call for Rose to appear before the Board in the Autumn of 1780 to enter into a new Recognizance. ~~Rose's~~ ^{Rose's} appearance before the Board is found on Page 537, as follows

Met in Albany 3rd October 1780

Mathias Rose having been cited to appear before this Board to enter into a new Recognizance appeared for that Purpose with a sufficient security —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour during his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspicuous when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Mathias Rose of Saratoga District, Laborer in £100

Freeman Barleigh of the same (place) farmer his
bond in £100 797

Perhaps we should pause for a short period to recall the fact that very few people could read or write, and this takes in our ancestors. Few knew how to spell

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other names. Thus, if a man appeared before an officer and was asked his name and how to spell it - could only ~~say that~~ ~~he did not know~~. shrug his shoulders and say, I don't know. And being questioned by many persons, each of whom spelled the name differently, no wonder that we were confused. Just let's look at the variations in spelling that have been used for our family. Burly⁸⁰, Burley⁹², Barleigh⁸⁰ ~~to~~ Burlov⁸⁴, Barly¹⁶, Baily⁸⁰, Barlow⁷⁹, Burleigh⁹⁰ ~~X~~, were a few 9 variations used before our arrival in Canada. No wonder that it was left to the authorities who used almost as many variations even in Canada.

It is evident that the Burleys resided in Saratoga from 1768 to 1781. These were the troublous years, first of settlement and building a home & preparing the land for the on-coming period of harvest. Then, before they ^{truly} were settled, came the onset of civil war with all its bitterness, theft and conflict. ⁸² It is evident that both the Burleys and the Roses revealed a loyalty to British institutions. If the ~~John~~ Burley, the captive, was one of the many varieties spelling of the name, my statement that the family was loyal to the Crown, as appears with the Rose's sons of Matthias, Sr., who accompanied the Jessups in enlistment at Crown Point in Nov 1776

The death of John Burley, the husband of Dorcas Freeman, left his widow the responsibility of caring for the farm which had been held for three lives. Freeman has eldest son, was not yet twenty years of age: while the younger one, John, was scarcely twelve. Thus it was that the widow re-married Matthias Rose, a widower with grown children, and a teenage daughter in the year 1779 or thereabout.

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In October of the following year Mr Rose appeared before the Commissioners in Albany to enter into a new recognizance during the years of the conflict then in vogue. He was referred to as a Labourer, while his stepson, his surety, was recorded as a Farmer.

This was the situation on the Burley Farm. Matthias, his wife Dorcas, her two sons Freeman and John, her two younger sons Joseph & Cornelius were with relatives in Dutchess County. Also in the home was a daughter, Experience.

12 Rose.

The next move was the escape of the family to St. John, Quebec in the autumn of 1781. Records reveal that Matthias & suddenly his family also, and Freeman Burley were brought down Lake Champlain by a flag, the men recruits for Jessups Loyal Rangers, ~~arriving 19 October~~. Freeman & Matthias Jr came in 4 Sept & immediately joined Jessups. The senior Matthias, wife and two children arrived 12 October 1781 and were posted to Vercheres.⁷³ The military desire was to keep families together where possible. Matthias Rose being too old for service, naturally was with his family when they later settled at St John to await settlement of the Loyalists.

13 Also the revolution actually ended in the battle of Yorktown, 19 October, 1781. ^{when the British army surrendered} Actual recruiting ceased, ^{at the} the Refugees continued to arrive at St John & Quebec & Sorel, because of the continuation of Rebel treatment of those with Loyalist tendencies. ~~The Saratoga Rebel Committee met in order to draw up regulations to deal with those Rebels who had joined the enemy. As a result, the Committee issued these bitter clauses:~~ A year later, on November 30, 1782, Great Britain conceded to the American freedom and on the following 20th January ¹⁷⁸³ the Americans declared their independence.

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Even though Peace had been declared and the Americans were free at last, the people of Saratoga still resented the fact that those neighbors who had joined the enemy, and who had fought ^{against them} in the Battle of Saratoga. And on the 6th of May, 1783, they expressed their feelings in these words³²

"At a meeting of the inhabitants of the District of Saratoga (in the County of Albany) held on Tuesday the 6th of May, 1783 the following Resolutions were unanimously voted, and ordered to be published in the New York Gazette

Whereas, in the course of the late glorious contest for liberty and independence, many persons residing in this, and other of the United States, regardless of their duty, have basely deserted the cause of their country, and voluntarily joined the Enemy, thereof, to aid and assist in subjugating it to tyranny and slavery.

16 - Resolves therefore, That if any person

officers of the District in their several beats³³

Expulsion³³

And this dastardly edict may well have caused those families who suffered obnoxious abuse at the hands of their neighbors, whose wives and children stood helplessly by as their wretched goods were auctioned off and the proceeds used to pay the costs of war, to avoid them returning to their birth places.³⁶

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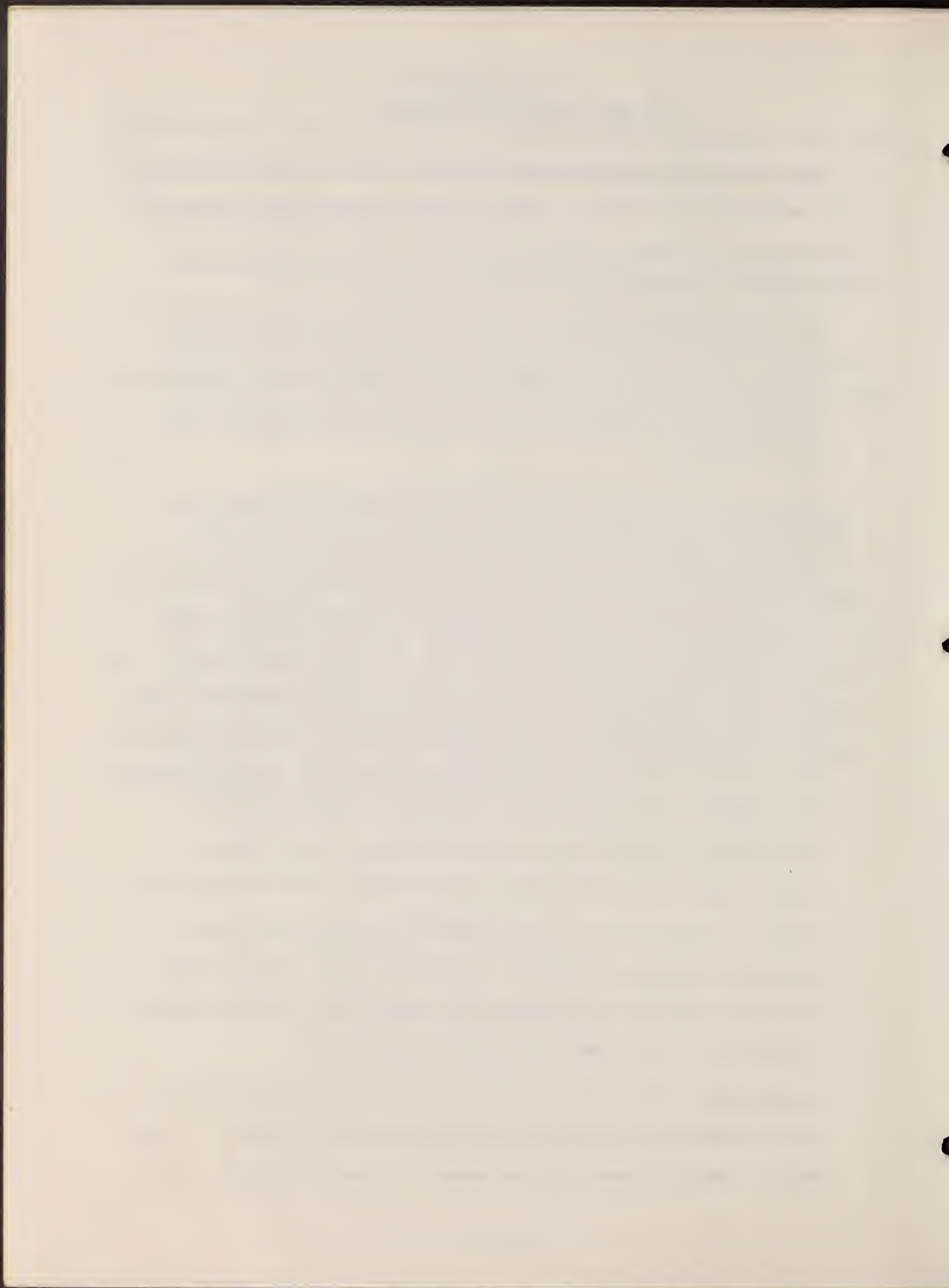
THE AMEY BROTHERS OF ERNESTTOWN

The war was over. The Americans were free, but the people of Saratoga still resented those unfortunate tories who had joined the enemy, and who had fought at the battle of Saratoga against the rebels. And on the 6th of May, 1783, they expressed their feelings, as follows:

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Resolved That if any such person has already returned since the first day of January last, and shall not remove before the tenth day of June next, he shall be treated in like manner as those who shall presume to

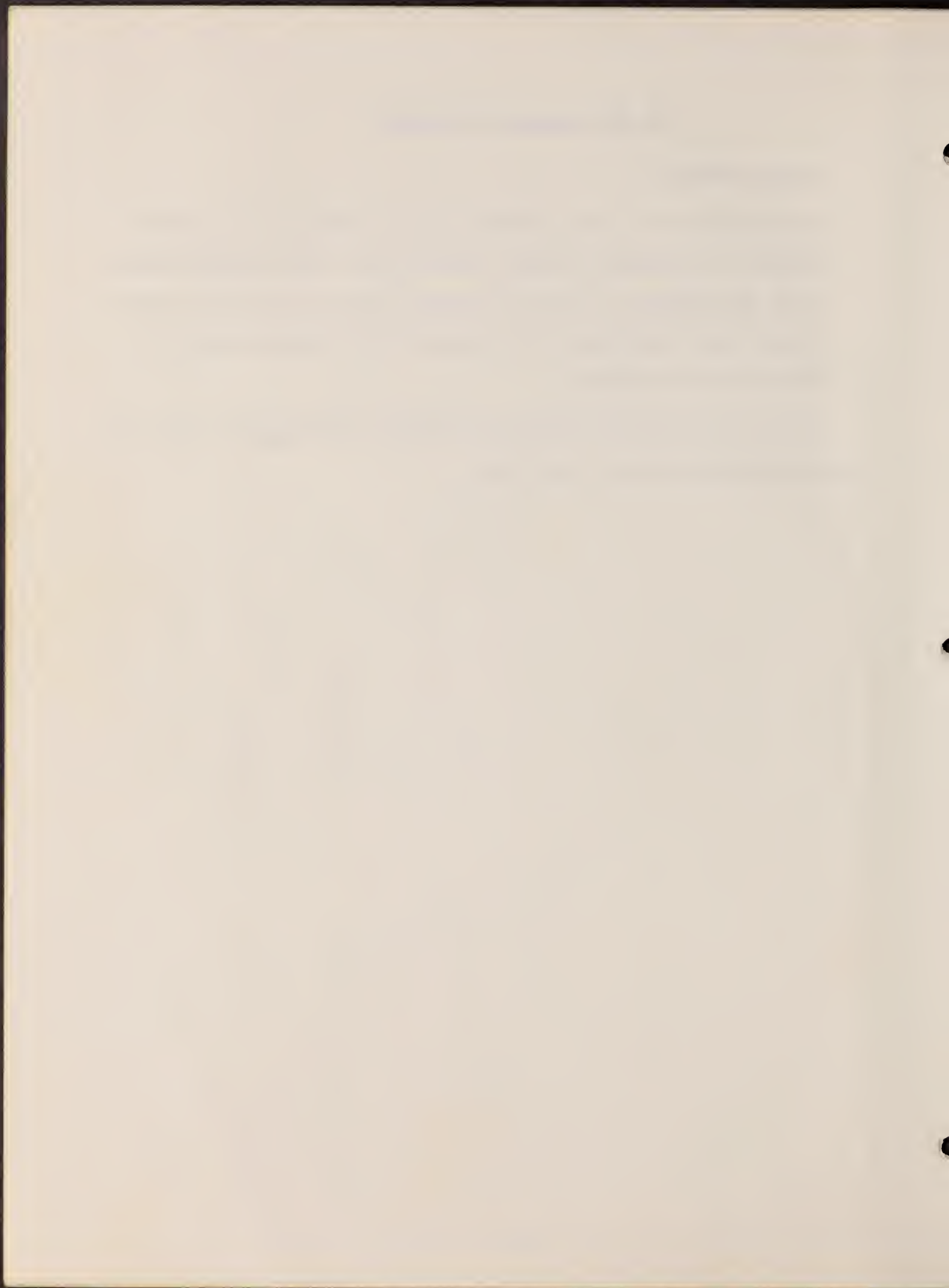


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return hereafter.

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby earnestly recommended to the Militia Officers of the District in their several beats, to make diligent Enquiry after such persons as are above described; and if any are found, to give notice to the Inhabitants of this district, that effectual measures be taken for their expulsion."

And this edict may have prevented the brothers from being at the graveside when their father was buried in May, 1801.



And as far as I can discover I, a sixth generation
Burdley, am the ^{first} of our ^{family} to pass through Saratoga ¹⁸
without being arrested. This occurred in 1928 when on five
my way to Medical Convention in Albany, N.Y. ^{after one hundred & seventy}
^{years}
^{of battle}
^{his}

The War was at an end and the Saratogans were
threatening their old neighbors should they attempt to return,
the refugees deprived of home and peaceful living.
awaited their disposal at the hands of government. The
Burdley-Rose family were still at St John's Quebec, restless
and uneasy and wondering what next. Other refugees were
making their way overland and up the St Lawrence from ¹⁹
the Colonies all in the same uneasy mood, bringing with
coughs and fever and small pox and measles, and wondering
what next? The Governor and his aides were awaiting instructions
from the Homeland regarding disposal of the homeless refugees

And among these unfortunates were three surviving
children of John Freeman, brother of Dorcas Freeman, the present
wife of Matthias Rose. As noted before, John Freeman was one of ²⁰
the settlers who in 1768 obtained a lease for 3 lives on a farm from
the Schuyler family. It was on this farm that the first battle
of Saratoga was fought. At that time John was already married
and the father of ten children; with his teenage son Thomas
were serving as guides to Burgoyne's army. ^{During the battle}
trampled through his grain fields and gun fire all but
destroyed his house & barns. And with the surrender of Burgoyne
John, his wife and all ten children were forced to set out for
Canada, as did many others. Somewhere ^{along the journey}
the children developed small pox and before the epidemic ²¹
subsided, John his wife and seven children succumbed to the
dread disease, leaving teenage Thomas and his two younger sisters,

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Douglas and Mary. It is known that Thomas became the founder of the Newman family of the Sydenham community.

Finally instructions were received as to the disposal of the thousands of refugee Loyalists. Each family was given a choice as to where they could settle. But the settlement was to be by townships, each under military control until such time as a better method of control could be adopted. It was fortunate that so many Saratogians opted to settle in Township 2 on the Bay of Quinte. The township was later named Ernest Town after one of the children of King George III.

One daughter, married a soldier and became intimately settled in the Simcoe area and in York County. Several of her sons became early settlers in Wolf 4th. The other daughter, Mary, married and settled in Lower Canada.

Matthias Rose got with his stepson John Bentley, his wife and his daughter settled north of Bath on 100 acres. A few years later the grant to Loyalists was increased to two hundred acres, plus fifty acres for a wife and fifty for each child. Matthias obtained Lot 39 in the first concession, the lot just west of the Fairfield family. From the home John, at maturity, obtained one hundred acres being the north half of Lot 9 in the third concession, just north of the Bath Community. Here he finally married and lived until his death in 1851.

He married Lydia Richmond in 1790. She was daughter of Richmond, a Quaker. And all her 12 children were thus born Quakers. They were boys & girls their names and a few details being

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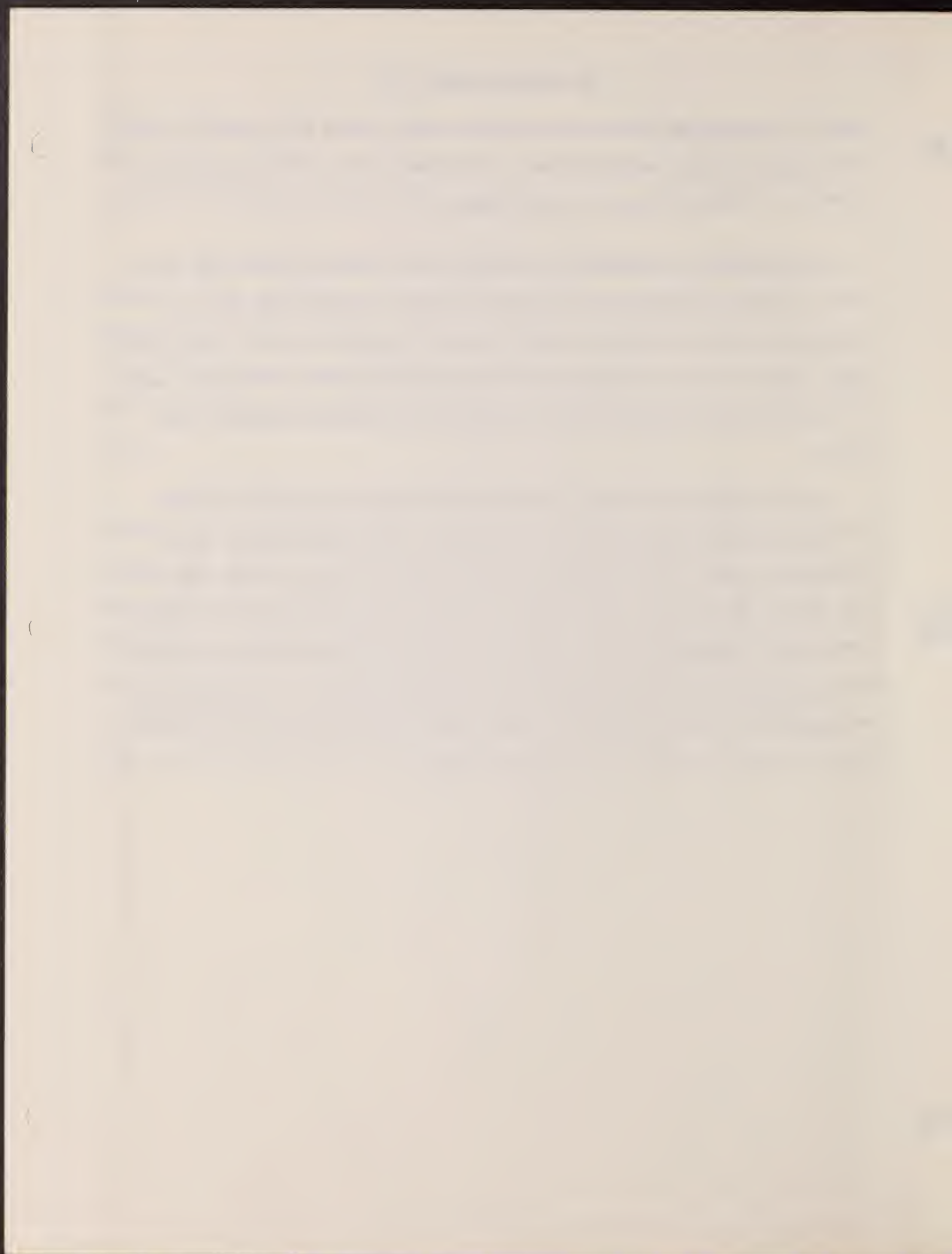
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Betsy 1

John, born in 1819, the eldest son of Cyrus & Randolph, was expected to inherit the home farm Lot 100 on the 1st of Portland. He was rather late in picking out a life partner. His younger brother Sylvester, eight years his junior, was the first to marry in 1852 to Martha Taylor. Cyrus put a mortgage on the farm. The money obtained was used to buy a farm, Lot 2, second concession, for the benefit of Sylvester & wife.

A few years later John married Elizabeth (Betsy) Tronsdale and settled in with his parents. Soon after trouble set in. It must be remembered that the Tronsdales, a Scottish family, became merchants in the Village of Sydney. They considered themselves superior to the local farmers, which they might well have been, and Betsy, as was noted, looked down her nose at the Quakerish families. It should be recalled that John, the father of Cyrus, had married Lydia Richmond, a Quaker, and that their children were raised as such.

In not too many years Betsy couldn't take much more of Quakerish manners. She persuaded John to the west and that they arranged for John to trade farms with brother Sylvester. Thus John & wife moved to the eastern farm and Sylvester and Martha returned to the family home.

Nor did that arrangement go any better. It ended up in a sale of the eastern farm and a division of the home farm into two lots and the construction of a house on the North end to accommodate John & Betsy. And even this did not bring the expected contentment, Betsy was still unhappy, and the next phase came with

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a desire to move west. It ended in an additional mortgage
to find sufficient funds to transport John & wife west.
The trip is best recalled by John's description which
is best added here.

Voyage Kingston to Patulana

From family told it appears that Sylvester went along
on the voyage to be of assistance. Fortunately, he didn't become
sick, as did John and Betsy. He used to relate seeing
John & Betsy both trying to vomit in the same wash dish.
As is related, they landed at _____ from which Betsy
and the children went on by train, while John drove the
team across country to Patulana.

But even this move did nothing for Betsy's happiness.
In not too many years they returned home and to make
room for them, Sylvester & Martha with children, occupied
the northern house & John moved in with his parents. But
even this didn't work. Another mortgage furnished funds
for John to move to a farm near Kingston.

As a result Sylvester, the Poor Manager, was faced
with several mortgages, which he could not meet. As a
result, he got what funds he could find and removed to
Derby, leaving his son John Wesley to stay, till the end.
Then he with wife & several children (4) removed to
Vancouver. And thus the old home farm passed to the
Mortgagor, and the Derby name disappeared from the Town-
ship records.

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in £100

Freeman Barleigh of the same (place) Farmer
his Bail in £100

John Bushby (Barley?) soldier in Capt Wehrs Company
Kings Loyal Americans, taken prisoner 10 October 1777

Mrs. Rose age $\frac{181}{48}$ 2 children 16 + 11 died prev at H John 24.7.1781
(b 1733) 71 M 1-6 + 71 + 6.

Mathias Rose $\frac{1783}{56}$ enlisted 1780 was unfit for service 24.2.1783
(b 1727)

Dr. Am. at 55 5' 6" 4 yr 3 mo Vercheres 1782

Freeman Barley (Barlow) age 22 5' 11" 3 mos. service " " "
(Barley) (b. 1760) 23 1 yr 2 mo 1783

John Freeman died 10 July 1778, found in a "Return of
Jesup's K. L. Am., Borell 16 Oct 1778

John Barley U.S., according to his son, Cyrus' family btl. was born
in 1755. Then he would be about 12 when his mother married

that Rose. $\frac{m}{0} 7, \frac{+6}{0} - \frac{+6}{1} - \frac{+6}{1} - \frac{+6}{0} 25.12.81 - 24.1.82$

Mrs Rose at Vercheres
perhaps one of sons.

at St Johns 25 May (1784)
all delivered for Citronqui + provisions to
Marshall Rose 1102 24 May
Freeman Barley 1

St John 1.10.1781
Freeman Barley Saratoga 4 Sept by flag for Jesup's at 23
Mathias Rose " do " 24
" " do " do

Taken at Saratoga then belonging to same corps
Mathias do. at 56 amo 2 yr 3 mo this 1.1.1783
K. L. Am. (12) Oct 1780 Yorktown 19 Oct 1781
came in Oct 1780

THE VROOMAN FAMILY

Butler's Rangers. The latter, Adam, had five sons and two daughters, all of whom drew 200 acres of land as the children of a U. E. Loyalist. One son, James, is recorded as living in Kingston in May, 1819.

At this point it would be wise to pause and consider the next step in our search for data regarding our ancestry, particularly for those who wish to know but have never attempted to find out. It is proposed to add at this point three 'family charts', and suggest that each person complete his ancestry, using the attached sheets. Every one must realize the knowledge from doing our own search.

In this manner we not only discover who our ancestors are, but are able to teach the younger generation to understand that this land about us did not blossom over night. It is also hoped that the sweat, blood and tears that have been shed in the past were not in vain. And may we never destroy that which our forefathers struggled to create, unless we are very sure that what we intend to erect in its place will be an improvement over that which even our grandfathers would have been proud. And may we remember that the satisfaction of a job well done is of more value than all the tea in china.

Rose Matthias

Minutes. Albany County Board Commissioners for
Detecting + Defeating Conspiracies

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Apr 16, 1778

William Rogers, Matthias Rose and Simon Earhart
were brought before this Board for having been with the
Enemy, and it appearing from the information of Major
General Schuyler that they had been seduced to go of by
Jesse and Jones and that he conceived they might with
Safety be permitted to return to their place of abode
Ordered Thereupon that they be permitted to return to
their place of abode upon entering into Recognizance for
their future good behaviour and appearance Monthly before
any one of the Commissioners

They were accordingly bound in £100 each, and live in

Saratoga —

P. 520 Sept 11, 1780 Met at Albany 11th September 1780

Resolved that Matthias Rose, William Rodgers, John Stiles, Robert
Brusben and John McDole be severally cited to appear before this
Board on the 21st day of September instant with sufficient
sureties to enter into new recognizances

Page 537 Met Albany 2nd October 1780

Met Albany 3rd October 1780

Matthias Rose having been cited to appear before this Board
to enter into a new Recognizance appeared for that Purpose
with a sufficient surety —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his good be-
haviour doing his duty and appearing before any Three of the
Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the
Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

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